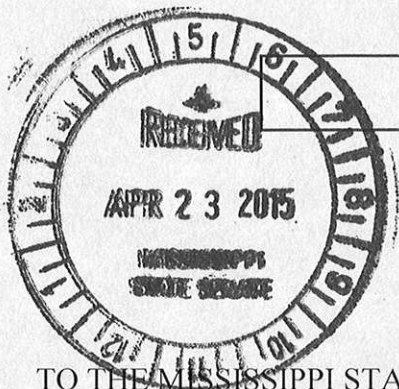


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TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATE

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE FOR SENATE BILL 2269

I am returning without my approval Senate Bill Number 2269: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 55-24-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF THE MISSISSIPPI COAST COLISEUM COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 55-24-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 55-24-9 AND 55-24-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI COAST COLISEUM COMMISSION AND REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN ACTIONS BE APPROVED BY THE HARRISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; TO TRANSFER ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COLISEUM TRUST FUND TO THE HARRISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COLISEUM; TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE THE COLISEUM TRUST FUND FROM THOSE FUNDS THAT REQUIRE A STATE APPROPRIATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES." and assign the following reasons for my veto.

The bill revises the composition of the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Commission effective January 1, 2016, by allowing each member of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors to make one appointment and providing that an additional two members, one from each judicial district in Harrison County, to be appointed by consensus of the elected mayors of the municipalities from the judicial district.

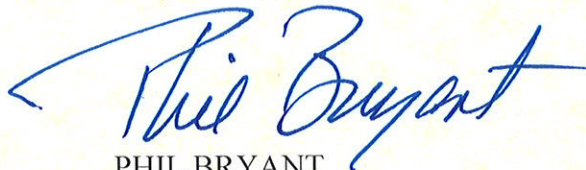
The County Board of Supervisors will have approval authority over certain matters under the jurisdiction of the commission, including the approval of the commission's annual budget. The management of the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Trust Fund is transferred to the Harrison County Board of Supervisors to be used exclusively for repairs, restorations, debt service expense and capital improvements to the coliseum, and the trust funds can be expended without state appropriation authorization, subject to a \$2,000,000 ceiling.

I have no objections to the aforementioned revisions in the bill regarding the structure, administration and operations of the Commission. The troubling part of the bill pertains to

changes in public notice requirements. Currently, the commission is required to publish notice of its rules and regulations regarding the granting of contracts, and notice of its intent to grant certain contracts and to sale, lease or exchange real property, for at least once each week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in Harrison County, Mississippi. The bill changes this established procedure in which public notice is given by the commission by instead requiring publication on the commission and county websites for twenty-one consecutive days.

In short, the public notice by website replaces the notice by newspaper publication. I would support additional publication electronically, but eliminating the provision in current law that requires the commission to publish a notice in the newspaper raises transparency concerns and could possibly hinder public participation in the process. Accordingly, I am vetoing Senate Bill 2269.

Respectfully submitted,



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GOVERNOR

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